

HORRIBLY BURNED WOMEN WAIT IN RAIN FOR AID

Mrs. W. H. Stevens and Daugh-
ter Die this Morning as Re-
sult of Explosion of Distil-
late Last Night.

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 8.—Mrs. W. H. Stevens and her 14-year-old daughter died early this morning as a result of injuries received last night when a can of distillate exploded in the Stevens home. The house and its contents were destroyed in the fire that followed the explosion.

The explosion took place as the women were filling a lamp, the burst of flame burning their clothing off and disfiguring them frightfully. Both the girl and her mother inhalated the fumes.

Though the accident took place at 9 o'clock medical aid could not be obtained until after 11. It was raining and the women were compelled to remain in the cold until aid could be summoned from a neighbor's two and a half miles away.

The scene of the explosion was the Coe farm in Cottonwood canyon, sixteen miles from Artesia, where the family had been staying some time.

PAXTON RECEIVES A SOFT PLACE AT HEAD OF NICARAGUA BANK

Las Cruces, N. M., Dec. 8.—James Paxton, chairman of the state Democratic committee yesterday, was appointed director and examiner of the Nicaragua National bank, and the Pacific Railway company of Nicaragua, according to word received here. The appointment is made under a treaty with Nicaragua not yet ratified formally.

Mr. Paxton, accompanied by his wife, will leave in about ten days to take up the duties of his new office. He has not yet determined whether he will resign his political office or the chairmanship of the regents of the State Agricultural college, which he also holds.

The new post, it is understood, carries a salary of \$15,000 a year, with liberal expense allowances, and will require only about six months' work each year.

COWBOYS' REUNION ASSOCIATION BEGINS ANNUAL ADVERTISING

East Las Vegas, N. M., Dec. 8.—The association in charge of the annual cowboy's reunion has begun work on the public relations for this year's event, which will take place in July in this city. P. H. Lemoit, secretary of the Commercial club, has charge of the publicity.

The first advertisement for the 1916 reunion will appear this month in "The Wild Bunch," a publication devoted entirely to items of interest to professional riders and ropers. This publication, which reaches 3,000 of the best riders and ropers in the world, also will contain a news write-up of the Las Vegas reunion.

MELROSE TO DRIVE RABBITS TOMORROW

Melrose, N. M., Dec. 8.—The citizens of Melrose and the surrounding country will participate in a rabbit drive tomorrow. Over a mile of wire meshing, small enough to stop the rabbits inside, will be used to aid in corralling the bunnies.

Several hundred people will participate and hundreds of the animals which are a great pest to farmers and at the same time a tempting article of diet will be killed.

LAS VEGAS FIRE BOYS PURCHASE TRUCK

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For completing submarine torpedo boats heretofore authorized the estimate is \$5,342,593 against \$12,141,344 last year. For submarine boats \$1,000,000 is asked.

The big item in the new war program is an estimate of \$12,617,000 in the first year's appropriation for hulls and machinery of two battleships, two battle cruisers, three scout cruisers, 12 destroyers, two gunboats, one hospital ship, one fuel oil ship. This compares with an appropriation of \$7,240,000 in last year's program. For the completion of vessels on the stocks and repairs and preservation of those in commission the estimate is \$11,500,000, for which there was no appropriation last year.

One million dollars is sought for the proposed experimental laboratory to be placed at the disposal of the naval advisory board.

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